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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health, 1947.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit herewith for your consideration my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health for the year 1947, which is an abridged one in accordance with Circular 170/47 Ministry of Health.

Infectious Diseases.

The area has been very free from Infectious Diseases except for some cases of Measles and Whooping Cough.

Infantile Paralysis.

One suspected case in a child of 4 years was admitted to hospital for observation, but was later found not to be suffering from the disease.

No cases of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Cerebro-Spinal Fever, or Enteric were reported.

The children are immunised against Diphtheria at the Welfare Centre (under 5 years), and every School Child is offered a maintenance dose at 5 years and 10 years. The acceptance rate may be considered satisfactory.

Tuberculosis.

Six new cases were notified last year as compared with 4 in 1946. One of the cases was a transfer case from another part of the country.

The Death Rate from all forms of the disease was 575 per million as compared with the following rates for previous years:-

1939	-	298	1943	-	269
1940	-	1,082	1944	-	832
1941	-	243	1945	-	884
1942	-	0	1946	-	292

Vital Statistics.

Birth Rate 16.4 per 1,000 as compared with 16.1 per 1,000 last year, (20.5 per 1,000 E & W).

Death Rate 13.2 per 1,000 as compared with 14.0 per 1,000 last year, and 12.0 per 1,000 E & W.

Infantile Mortality Nil as compared with 54 per 1,000 last year, 41 per 1,000 E & W.

Estimated Population - 3,475.

Causes of Deaths.

No death were recorded from infectious diseases.

The principal causes of death were:-

Heart Diseases	17
Cancer	9
Respiratory Diseases	4
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	3
Tuberculosis	2

Water Supply.

The major^{part} of the district is supplied with water by the Stroud District Water Board, one of whose sources of supply (Gigg Mill) is within the Urban District.

Monthly samples show that it has a high degree of purity.

Sewerage.

The Urban District is included in the Scheme prepared for the area of the Stroud Urban and Rural District Councils, and certain internal extensions are under consideration.

Housing.

The Council have plans for the erection of houses for the working classes, and some progress has been made during 1947.

Number of Houses completed and occupied during the year:-	16
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Number of Houses in course of construction at end of the year:-	2
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Number of houses erected by private enterprise:-	4
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Factories Act, 1937.

There are in the district 28 factories in which Sections 1 - 6 are enforced by the Sanitary Authority.

The number of inspections made was 28, and in 2 instances it was found necessary to draw attention to insufficient or defective Sanitary Conveniences.

No prosecutions were found necessary last year.

Homeworkers - Nil.

In conclusion I have to thank the Council for their co-operation and support, and the Sanitary Inspector for his assistance.

I have the honour to be
your obedient servant,

NICHOLAS D. DUNSCOMBE.

Medical Officer of Health.

June, 1948.

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